

DOE Transmission Reliability Program Peer Review

DER Support for a Reliable Electric Grid in a Competitive Market

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Project Value - The Research Goal is as Follows...

**Identify and develop system integration tools and
techniques**

to permit reliability-enhancing operation of

large numbers of

small (< 500 kW) distributed energy resources

in the distribution system.



Project Organization and Management System

- Management Steering Function – Margie Tatro (oversight and strategic direction)
- Program Office – Joe Eto (project coordination, DOE Program Manager interface, budget and milestone tracking, information management)
- Technical Leads – Bob Lasseter and Abbas Akhil (technical leadership and external interfaces)
- Research Performers – John Stevens (protection); John Kueck (energy manager); Bob Yinger (microturbine testing); Ross Guttromson (transmission system impacts); Sakis Meliopoulos (distribution system modeling); Chris Marnay (customer adoption model)
- Process – planning, internal reviews, external reviews



Past Accomplishments

Report Card

Funding: \$2.8 million through FY02

Accomplishments

- Surveyed Test Locations and Implemented DER test bed at UC Irvine 2000
- Created Steady State & Dynamic Models of Loads & Micro-Sources 2000
- Developed (with CEC) prototype DER Customer Adoption Model 2000
- Developed Sag Controls for MicroGrids 2001
- Characterized micro sources (microturbines) 2001
- Defined and socialized Microgrid Concept (12+ presentations) 2001
- Assessed status of existing modeling tools 2001
- Developed tool for multiphase power flow assessment 2001
- Developed strong relationships with partners UCI, NRECA, AEP, CEC 2000-2



http://certs.lbl.gov/DER_Integration.html

Four Activities Underway in FY02

FY02 Resources

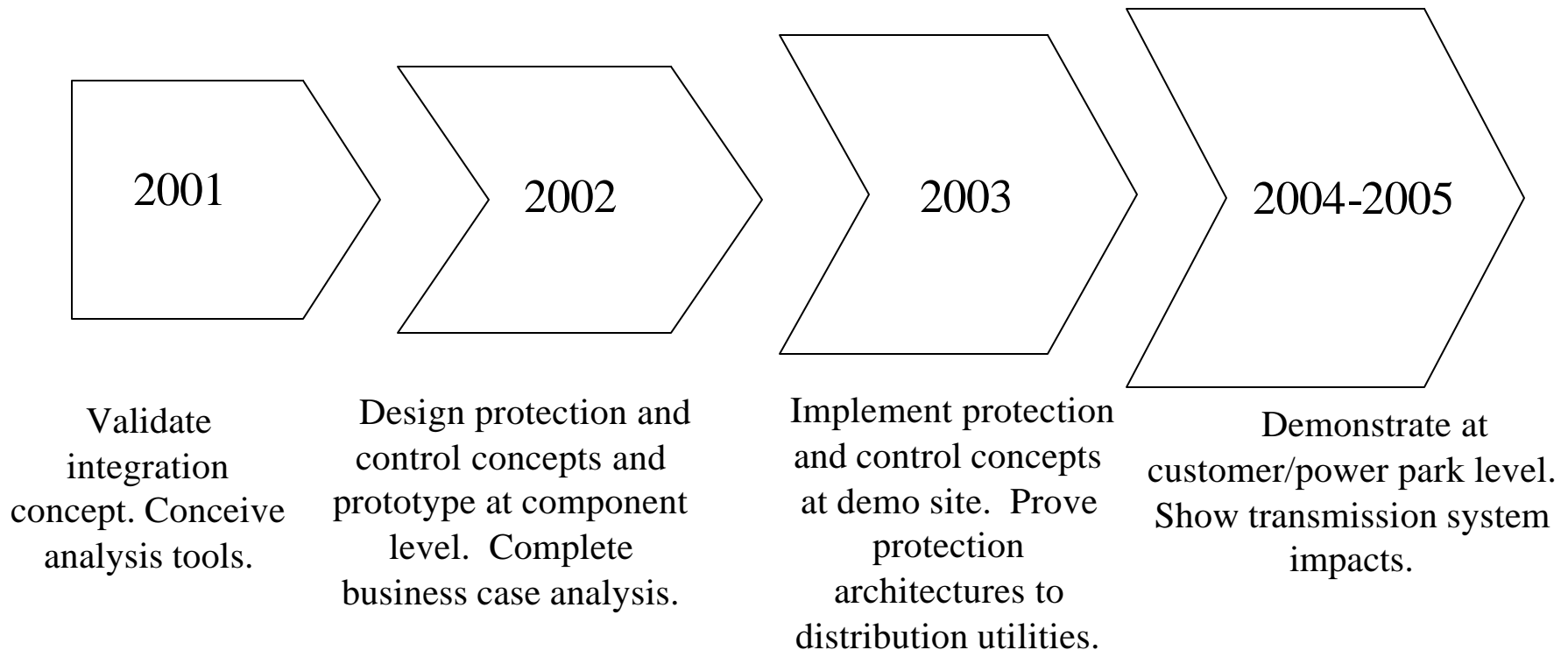
- \$500K

Key Projects/Deliverables

- Disseminate MicroGrid design and begin planning MicroGrid demonstration projects (with partners)
 - Determine test objectives, select sites, perform droop control tests with commercial MTG systems. Work toward a 10MW in FY05.
- Assess business case for MicroGrid (including combined heat and power)
- Develop conceptual control and protection schemes for MicroGrid integration with grid of the future
- Develop and commercialize design tools



Future Plans Call for Increased Partnerships and Leveraging



Partnerships Are Essential

Collaborators:

- California Energy Commission
- Capstone
- University of California, Irvine
- American Electric Power
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Northern Power Systems

Research Performers:

- 8 CERTS Organizations (see cover slide for listing)

Information Sharing:

- EPRI PEAC
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory



Partnership to Test the MicroGrid Concept

➤ **Partners:**

- Capstone Microturbines, Northern Power Systems, American Electric Power

➤ **Goals:**

- 2 years: Demonstrate feasibility of functional concepts through tests at a “utility” test site
 - voltage control, protection, transition to island, etc.
- 3 years: Build and operate a prototype MicroGrid at a user site

➤ **Milestones and Schedule:**

- Negotiate scope of work, schedule and cost for MicroGrid demonstration with CEC (May 30)
- Complete modifications to 3 Capstone machines
- Initiate testing at the test site
- Complete the demonstration of key control and protection issues at test site using the 3 modified Capstone machines

➤ **CERTS Responsibilities:**

- Define functional requirements for Capstone modifications
- Develop test facility requirements and test plan for test sites
- Manage Capstone and test site contracts



DOE has a Strong Collaborator – the California Energy Commission

	DOE	CEC
FY99	\$ 800K	
FY00	\$ 700K	
FY01	\$ 750K	\$ 550K
FY02	\$ 500K	\$ 1,250K
TOTAL	\$ 2,800K	\$ 1,800K

